

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Disk-shaped object consisting of a single layer of synthetic thermoplastic adhesive material for use as an intermediate between parts, has adhesive material contact surfaces of the single layer on opposite sides of the adhesive material of the single layer that are rough, wherein their averaged roughness depth R_z lies in a range from 40 to 100 μ and wherein the object includes a central hole.
2. (original) Object according to claim 1, wherein the averaged roughness depth R_z of the contact surfaces lies in the range from 55 to 70 μ .
3. (original) Object according to claim 1, wherein the arithmetic mean rugosity R_a lies in a range from 6 to 25 μ .
4. (original) Object according to claim 2, wherein the arithmetic mean rugosity R_a lies in a range from 10 to 15 μ .
5. (cancelled).

6. (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) Object according to claim 1, wherein the rough adhesive material contact surfaces occupy the entirety of the opposite sides of the single layer.

8. (previously presented) A disk-shaped object consisting of a single layer of synthetic thermoplastic adhesive material, wherein adhesive material contact surfaces that entirely cover opposite sides of the single layer are rough, and wherein their averaged roughness depth R_z lies in a range from 40-100 μ , and their arithmetic mean rugosity R_a lies in a range from 6-25 μ .

9. (previously presented) A disk-shaped object according to Claim 8, wherein the object is an annulus with a central hole.

10. (previously presented) A disk-shaped object according to Claim 9, wherein the opposite sides of the object abut opposed surfaces, respectively, of two parts

11. (previously presented) A disk-shaped object according to Claim 10, wherein one of the parts is a sheet and the other part is a fastening element with a shank extending through the opening and a flange opposed to the sheet, with the disk-shaped object being intermediate the flange and the sheet.

12. (new): A disk-shaped object according to claim 1, wherein the adhesive material contact surfaces are uniformly flat.

13. (new): A disk-shaped object according to claim 8, wherein the adhesive material contact surfaces are uniformly flat.

14. (new): An assembly comprising:
- a fastening element;
 - a part to be assembled with the fastening element; and
 - an object interposed between at least a portion of the fastening element and the part; wherein the object comprises:

a single layer synthetic thermoplastic adhesive material, the adhesive material having contact surfaces of the single layer on opposite sides of the adhesive material of the single layer that are rough, wherein the average roughness depth R_z of the contact surfaces is in the range of 40 to 100 μ .

15. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the object includes a central hole.

16. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the object includes a central hole and a portion of the fastening element protrudes through the central hole.

17. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the fastening element comprises a flange and the object is interposed between the flange and the part,

18. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the part is a plate-shaped member.

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19. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the arithmetic mean rugosity of the contact surfaces lies in the range of 6 to 25 μ .

20. (new): The assembly according to claim 14, wherein the arithmetic mean rugosity of the contact surfaces lies in the range of 10 to 15 μ .